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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the below remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-20 are pending. From the telephone conversation with Primary Examiner Russell Travers J.D., Ph.D. on July 10, 2002, Applicants understand that claims 1, 2, 5, 9 and 10 are pending for examination purposes, claims 9 and 10 being the renumbered claims 7 and 8. Attached hereto is a copy of the pending claims 1, 2, 5, 9 and 10 as understood by Applicants for reference purposes. The Examiner's